



CAMP THEMES

In the spirit of fun and inspiration, each week's activities and events are centered around different topics and themes in order to provide youth a well-balanced variety of experiences.

Week 1 (June 22—June 26) - Friends Around the World

Youth will learn about countries from around the world while engaging in activities that build community and teamwork.

Week 2 (June 29—July 2) - Love Our Planet

Youth will learn to reuse materials and enjoy activities that encourage respect for the environment in addition to learning easy ways to be proactive in taking care of our planet.

Week 3 (July 6—July 10) - Journey through Air, Space & Beyond

Imaginations will blast off with out of this world air and space science experiments and projects! Youth will discover what lies past our planet while exploring science, aviation and space.

Week 4 (July 13—July 17) - Under the Forest Canopy

Youth will discover the environment in which they live with a focus on local forest ecosystems. Activities will include eco-hikes and wildlife habitat exploration.

Week 5 (July 20—July 24) - Wild about Fins, Furs & Feathers

Youth will learn about our planet's magnificent animals and unearth the diversity of their habitats with an emphasis on the animals found in our own backyard.

Week 6 (July 27—July 31) - Mission Fitness, Fun & Nutrition

Activities will promote physical fitness from head to toe through focus on healthy play, exercise and nutritional eating habits. Be sure to get a good night's sleep and eat your wheaties so you can play like a champion.

Week 7 (August 3—August 7) - Kids' Got Talent!

Youth will experience performing arts such as set design, improv, music, and dance just to name a few. We will be rolling out the red carpet for The Annual Summer Camp Talent Show. Be sure to get your tickets early!

Week 8 (August 10—August 14) - Splish Splash Party Bash!

Get ready to enjoy a wet and wild week of water games and super soakin' fun. Prepare yourself for an end of the summer celebration you will never forget!

City of Eureka—Recreation Division
The John Ryan Youth Center
1653 J St
Eureka, Ca 95501



City of Eureka
**Summer
Day Camps**



LEADERS-IN-TRAINING



Leadership Development
Program for TEENS Ages 13-17

*Turning EUREKA TEENS into
TOMORROW'S LEADERS!*



WHAT IS AN L.I.T.?

The Leader-In-Training program is held in conjunction with our City of Eureka Summer Day Camps. By becoming a L.I.T. you will not only be able to play and engage in the many fun activities that our Camp participants do, you will also have the opportunity to learn the many skills and responsibilities of a Recreation Leader. This leadership based training program is a dynamic experience for participants 13-17 years old and provides hands-on experience that can immediately be applied to “real life” situations. This training program aims to foster personal and professional growth, teach life skills, encourage strong relationships and enable teens to enjoy meaningful experiences to enhance their college applications, career aspirations and lives!



WHAT YOU WILL GAIN

- Leadership skills working with youth ages 5-12
- Valuable work experience/community service hours
- Training in the following skills: communication, conflict resolution, team building, program planning, behavior guidance, responsibility, teamwork, time management and overall leadership
- Enjoy an active, productive summer outdoors
- An opportunity to make a difference in your community and impact the lives of children



QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be 13 – 17 years old
- Must be mature, patient, enthusiastic and have a good sense of humor
- Must have a strong work ethic & be willing to learn
- Must have transportation to & from camp



HOW TO BECOME A L.I.T.

STEP 1 – Application Process

Applications are available by mail. Simply call 441-4224. Submit a completed Application and a Reference Form either by dropping it off or mailing to: The John Ryan Youth Center—1653 J St. Eureka, CA 95501.

All completed application packets are due MAY 29, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.!

STEP 2 - Interview Process

Applications will be reviewed and eligible teens will be contacted for an interview. All L.I.T.s must go through an interview process similar to what we use when hiring our camp staff. This not only helps us to choose the best and most qualified candidates, it also represents the first step in our “leadership” program by simulating what you may expect when applying for a future job.

STEP 3 – Selection Process

The interview process is highly competitive and not all applicants will be selected. The program is limited to 20 teens per week. Applicants are carefully chosen on the basis of the content of their application, the results of their references, and the results of the interview.

STEP 4 – Registration Process

Upon being selected teens are then eligible to register for the L.I.T. Program. Parents may begin registering Monday, **June 8th** at The Adorni Recreation Center(1011 Waterfront Dr.) Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm.

Program Cost: No payment is necessary until you are accepted into the program. All fees must be paid in advance. \$45/week per participant. **Fees include:** training tuition, daily lunch, t-shirt & field trip fees for one week of Camp. We will be offering eight exciting weeks of camp from June 22—August 14. Each one week session runs Monday—Friday. L.I.T. schedules will mirror summer camp hours and are open to flexibility.



TRAINING

Training/Orientation: L.I.T.s will go through a training session and then work along side City of Eureka Recreation staff. Each session will include instruction, observation, training activities and will focus on developing the skills necessary to become a great leader.

Topics and skills are covered through hands-on opportunities, workshops, and team building exercises including: leadership, communication, conflict resolution, team building, program planning, behavior guidance, responsibility, teamwork, time management and problem solving.

Expectations: Although L.I.T.s pay a fee to attend the program, we are very selective about our candidates and expect them to comply with all program guidelines. All those invited to participate should understand the opportunity is a privilege and approach it with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. All L.I.T.s must be excellent role models for our campers, have a genuine desire to work with children, and maintain a positive attitude.

L.I.T.s will have the opportunity to work on a team in responsible roles leading kids’ summer camp activities such as crafts, games, music, drama, sports, and dance in a fun-filled outdoor environment. Summer Camp favorites include: Youth vs. Leader Challenges, Scavenger Hunts, All Camp Events and the Annual Camp Talent Show!



Camp Locations:

The John Ryan Youth Center,
Carson Park & Sequoia Park!